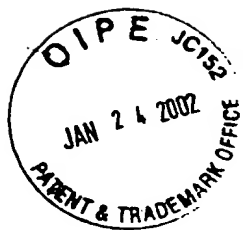


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Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on June 4, 2001 for the above-identified patent application. A Petition requesting a three (3) month extension of time accompanies this response which is being filed on or before its now current due date of December 4, 2001.

In response to this final Office Action, entry of the following amendments is earnestly solicited:

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Please amend Claims 1, 2, 16 and 18 to read as follows:

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